

## PREFACE

Excitement and activity are two words which describe Texas in the Civil War period. The people were excited because of the ever present danger of enemy invasion and there was activity aimed at preventing that. The journals printed here for the first time clearly reflect those attitudes in the people of Texas and their elected representatives.

This volume is a pivot point in the printing of the proceedings of the Ninth and Tenth Texas Legislatures. The journals of the Ninth Legislature are already available in four volumes; this book is the first of the series for the Tenth. It is printed in accordance with the Legislative mandate calling for the editing and printing of the manuscript archives, a program administered by the Texas Library and Historical Commission.

Evidence in the Archives shows that the Journals have been slated for publication on two previous occasions. The first effort was made by E. W. Winkler when he was in the State Library, and that was followed by Miss Harriet Smithers' attempt some twenty years ago. The fragmentary typescripts of those efforts have been located, but, because of their incompleteness, they were found to be of little value. Both efforts failed, no doubt, because of the shortage of staff and funds.

In compiling and editing this journal every effort has been made to keep the original "flavor" of the 1860's and at the same time make it an accurate, readable journal. The editor has aimed at standardizing the spelling of such items as names and places, and has attempted to locate the omissions and place them in context. When this has been accomplished the inserted material is noted in [ ] brackets or in a footnote. Efforts were made to locate all speeches, committee reports, and other pertinent material, but this sometimes met with no success. When that is the case, it is so noted. Appendixes include the Report of the Military Board, a report of Colonel A. Bishop concerning salines near Double Mountain in West Texas, and the pro-

ceedings of the Governors' Conference West of the Mississippi River.

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